Meet Tara

About Me

Here it goes! I work from home, in sales operations, for an amazing company. I love what I do, and my company is super family-friendly with an amazing work-life balance. In my day-to-day life, I consider myself very independent, but I also surround myself with an amazing group of people who I know are always there for me if I need anything. Most of my free time is spent with my family, friends, and two dogs, who are always with me, often visiting my parents and their dogs. I also enjoy trying new local events, such as farmer's markets and car shows in the summer, and I love checking out new restaurants, breweries, and patios when the weather allows. I ride horses at least once a week at a local barn with a wonderful group of riders who have become some of my dearest friends over the 8 years I have been there. I find it hard to put who I am into words, but I do not know many people who are closer to their family than I am. My brother is my very best friend and I stop by my parents' house usually once a day just to say hi and let the dogs visit and play. I have weekly dinners with two of my aunts at our favorite local spot and have close relationships with my many cousins, all of whom are VERY excited about my adoption journey. Growing up, I was constantly surrounded by children and other kids, whether at family gatherings or through sports and activities I participated in and as I got older, I babysat and became a nanny for many families whose children I loved as my own. The time spent in those homes with those children made it crystal clear to me that being a mother, no matter when or how, was what I wanted to do with my life. My career, although very important to me, is simply the path that will get me to my real goal, which is to be the best mother I can be to the child I am blessed with someday.

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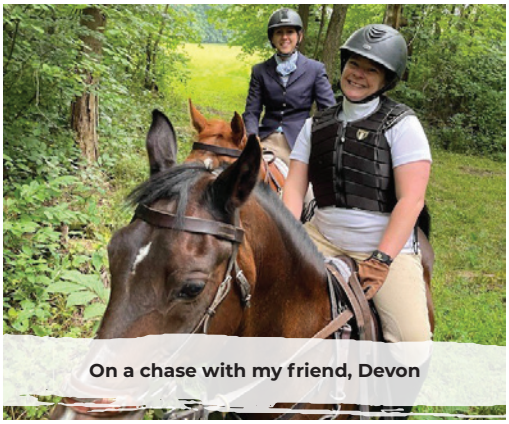
written by Steph, my oldest friend

While it could seem scary or unconventional to choose a single mother as the adoptive parent for your child, choosing Tara will without a doubt result in your child receiving the most love and support one could only dream of for their child. As a long-time friend of Tara, of nearly 30 years, I have watched her passion for motherhood and desire for a family grow over the years. While patiently waiting for her own time to become a mom, she has channeled her love and care into helping family and friends with their kids. It is truly evident from every interaction she has with them that she loves them like they are her own. I would trust Tara to not only care for my children but to protect them fiercely and love them unconditionally. If you choose Tara, it is undeniable that your child would receive that exact same love, loyalty, and care that she exhibits daily.

Me and my "niece", Megan's daughter, Audrey

Dad, me and my brother, Craig

Audrey's first trip to the zoo



On a chase with my friend, Devon

Facts + Favs

Occupation: Sales Operations- Alliances Co-Sell Manager- I work from home and love my job!

Food: Italian and Mexican, Chicken Salad, and Pizza

Vacations: Chicago, Salt Fork State Park, Florida (Orlando & St. Augustine and Jacksonville for family)

Movies: Forgetting Sarah Marshall, a good Romcom, Thor, The Goonies, most Disney

Music: Taylor Swift, Country, Disney Hits, and the 80's

Hobbies: Horseback Riding, trying new restaurants/patios, training and working with my dogs, going to the zoo with family and friends, local events such as farmers markets, relaxing at my house or in my yard with my dogs

My Home

My home is a beautiful 1-story 3-bedroom 2-bathroom blue ranch on just under an acre with a brown roof and a yellow front door. Redbud trees brighten the yard in spring and the fenced-in backyard provides the dogs and my future family lots of space to run and play. I live on a great street very close to multiple playgrounds and parks as well as the city rec center and library. My home is located 5-10 minutes in multiple directions from great shopping centers and malls as well as countless restaurants. It is a great area to live in with great schools. There is a brand-new development directly next to my yard where I enjoy taking the dogs on walks.

My Pets

I have 4 wonderful fur babies that currently fill my home with love. Webber is my oldest dog. He is a 7-year-old Lab Australian Shepherd mix, and he is a giant love bug. He has long black hair and the cutest nubby tail. Stevie is my other pup and she is an 18-month-old Bernedoodle. She is the sweetest girl who loves to wrestle with her fur brother and chase cats. Both dogs love people and kids and cuddling like it's their job. I also have two cats- Kitty who is 14, and all black, and Tink who is 9 and all white. Kitty is chill and laid back while Tink runs the house and is super social and outgoing. My parents also have two dogs that we see nearly every day. Aspen, a 13-year-old Golden, and Beau a 4-year-old mini Goldendoodle. All 4 dogs get along great and love playing together when I visit my parent's house.

My Family + Friends

I have a large extended family consisting of many aunts and uncles as well as many cousins. I am close with all of them and much of the family resides within 30 minutes of me, but some of my cousins and their families do live out of state but visit often. My family still spends most holidays together, including Christmas Eve with my mother's side of the family and Christmas Day with my dad's side of the family at my parent's house each year. The house is jam-packed full of people, and I wouldn't have it any other way! My dad's side of the family even has Christmas in July at my Aunt Karen's house each summer when everyone comes into town for a huge cookout and pool party.

I have a small close-knit group of friends, many of whom I have been friends with for over 20+ years. My friends are my chosen family and they have helped shape me into the woman and future mother I hope to be. They fill my life with fun and excitement and support me in everything I do.

My cousin Marlena's four kiddos- Travis, Ayla, Valeria, & Ryan

Farmers market with Dad

Buckley Family Reunion at Aunt Karen's

My cousin, Chip, his wife Veronica, and their girls, Bria and Evie

100 Yr Old Aunt Bernie!

Megan's sister Mel, Megan, me and Megan's mom Sandi

Christmas with my parents and brother

My Godson, Emerson

Me and my aunts

Lifelong friends Steph, Cassie, Bridget, and me

Cousin Michelle, me and cousin Chelsea at Xmas in July

Great Aunts Colleen and Bobbi crack me up!

Dear Birthparents,

I cannot even begin to put myself in your shoes and I can only imagine the whirlwind of emotions you are going through as you look through profiles of families to place your beautiful child into. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking the time to look through mine and I hope my profile gave you at least a small sense of peace and calm while you read through it. The choice you are making is remarkable and I want you to know that although I am a single woman, you will not be placing your child into a small world. My village is vast, and my extended family cannot wait to once again grow via adoption. I am eager to welcome both your child and you into my heart.

If given the chance, I will love your child as if I birthed them myself, whether the color of our skin matches or not. I will nurture and enrich their life every day and it will be my mission to make sure that they always know where they came from. They will be the beautiful product of not one family but two, their birth family and their adopted family. That is something they will grow up knowing and that will shape them into a person that hopefully outshines both you and me, as I firmly believe every parent's goal deep down is to raise their child to shine greater than they ever could. Thank you again for taking the time to read my profile and for the remarkably brave and selfless choice you are making for your child.

Tara

Why Adoption?

Since I was a young girl, being a mother has always been my lifelong goal. My "Prince Charming" has not yet arrived and after 5 failed rounds of fertility treatments on my own I decided to put my heart and efforts towards giving a home to a child in need of one. My cousin, Allison, is adopted and has since gone on to adopt her daughter, and my dear friend, Betsy, is a birth mother who made the brave choice to put her son up for adoption when she was younger and has since reconnected with him. Adoption is beautiful, I have seen this first-hand, and I am hopeful it blesses me with the family I long for.